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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1212

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, EC
SUBJECT: GOE EXPELS THREE NORTH KOREANS

1. ON FEBRUARY 17 ROK CHARGE IN ECUADOR CHANG NAM PARK,
INFORMED DCM THAT THE GOE HAD EXPELLED THREE NORTH KOREAN
AGENTS THAT SAME DAY ON GROUNDS OF INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL
POLITICAL ACTIVITY. A FEBRUARY 18 STORY IN QUITO DAILY
EL COMERCIO GAVE THE NAMES OF THE THREE AS: LIN SONG HO,
LI SA NEON, CHA MYUNG KUK. THEY ARRIVED IN ECUADOR JANUARY 15
AND OBTAINED TOURIST VISAS AT THE AIRPORT. THEY WERE HELD
BY THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR EXPULSION.
PARK SAID THE THREE HAD ALSO VISITED COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA,
PERU, AND PANAMA (THE EL COMERCIO ARTICLE CLAIMED KUK HAD BEEN
EXPELLED FROM COSTA RICA IN 1975 FOR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES).
HE SAID THE NORTH KOREANS HAD ARRANGED FOR THE PRINTING
IN SPANISH OF 2-3000 COPIES OF A BOOK ON NORTH KOREA AND
KIM IL SUNG. HE ADDED THAT THE LOCAL PUBLISHING FIRM WITH
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WHICH THEY WERE DEALING (EDITORIAL VOLUNTAD) HAS BEEN
CLOSED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, AND ALL COPIES OF THE BOOK
SEIZED BY THE GOE.

2. PARK SAID HIS EMBASSY PROVIDED THE INFORMATION TO THE
GOE THAT RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE AND EXPULSION OF THE THREE.
HE IS NOW TRYING TO INTEREST WIRE SERVICES IN THE STORY

IN ORDER TO GIVE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY TO NORTH KOREA'S UNDER-
GROUND ACTIVITIES. THE FEBRUARY 18 EL COMERCIO ARTICLE,
WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE 12, IS THE ONLY LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE
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